

Potomac Ski & Adventure Club



Sauze d'Oulx - Italy's Secret Jewel

Skiing its "Milky Way" Circuit

February 8-19, 2019

Price: \$1,970 Full Package* p/p

- * Includes 3-nights in Torino, Italy
- * Guaranteed Euro exchange up to \$1.20

Trip Includes:

- R/T airfare from Dulles to Geneva; Return from Torino
- All ground transfers between resorts, hotels and airports
- 7 nights at the *Hotel Stella Alpina* in Sauze d'Oulx
- 3 nights at the *Turin Palace Hotel* in Torino, Italy
- Daily Breakfast & Dinner in ski resort. Breakfast only in Torino

Not Included:

- Ski Passes or Rentals
- Additional adjustments due to increased Euro exchange rate.
- Mandatory Trip Insurance (Medical/evacuation coverage). Full Trip Cancellation coverage is also offered but not mandatory. Premiums based on age and trip cost.

Trip Leader: [Jim Fitzwilliam](#) (703) 281-7727. To register, download [Registration Form](#).
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About Sauze d'Oulx

Situated at one end of the **Via Lattea** (Milky Way), Sauze d'Oulx is one of the larger, more popular, resorts of the area. With access to the Via Lattea's 212 pistes there is excellent skiing available for all abilities.

Sauze provides mainly intermediate runs and is a red run paradise. The resort is nestled amongst larch tree forests and many of the best runs wind through the trees back to the village. Sportinia is a mid resort located just above Sauze d'Oulx at over 2000m. All the runs from here are tree lined whilst above Sportinia it opens up and provides the links to the rest of the Milky Way.

For advanced skiers there is easy connection to **Sestriere** and the black runs at the top of Mount Motta, Mount Sises and the Olympic Kandahar Slalom and Kandahar Barchetta runs. For those who like to venture off the beaten track then Sauze also offers some great off piste through the trees.

Beginners are well catered for too as Sauze d'Oulx has excellent English-speaking ski and snowboard schools that will get you up and skiing, or boarding, in no time at all.

The vast majority of the pistes in Sauze d'Oulx have artificial snow-making facilities, which is true throughout the Milky Way, providing much better than average skiing conditions.

Apres Skiing: When the day has finished the town offers as much or as little apres as you like. There are plenty of bars to choose from offering everything from sophisticated cocktails and excellent local wines to pints of Guinness. This being Italy the standard of restaurants is high.

Hotel Stella Alpina



Caroline and Renato Eydallin welcome you to their 3-star family run hotel situated in the heart of the Italian Alps in Sauze d'Oulx, Italy. The Stella Alpina is at the foot of the ski slopes and the start of the Via Lattea (Milky Way) ski area. They are bilingual with native English speakers and the Stella Alpina is a family friendly hotel.

The restaurant is on the first floor of the hotel with a lovely view over the piste and is reserved for hotel guests.

Breakfast along with evening meals are served here. They take pride in serving a traditional menu with local products and do their best to please everyone from children to vegetarians. The Scotch Bar is a tastefully decorated, family friendly apres-ski bar which serves hot and cold snacks all day along with tea and coffee, spirits, wine and beer. The bar has a log fire and plenty of comfortable seating.

Torino (Turin) Extension

At the conclusion of our skiing adventure, we'll extend our stay in Italy by visiting its most unsung city: **Torino (Turin)**. While most travelers to Italy head to the triptych Rome-Florence-Venice, Turin appears to remain **off the tourists' radar**. It seems that, nowadays, the city is merely associated with the automobile industry. Indeed, it is here that Agnelli, the founder of Fiat, chose to build his automobile empire.



However, that would be forgetting that eight decades earlier another dynasty, not an industrial one, but a royal one, chose Turin as its capital. Nineteenth century Turin was also a favorite among intellectuals and artists, such as **Nietzsche**, who liked the city for its austere elegance, its atmosphere, its literary cafés, and its food.

While Rome is associated with Antiquity and Florence with the Renaissance, Turin is **Italy's regal city per excellence**. Other Italian cities did have their noble dynasties, but these reigned as princes over city-states or as emperors, before the country was unified into the State bearing the name Italy. Only Turin can lay claim to being the **first capital of unified Italy**, when the **Kingdom of Italy** was founded in 1861.

Additional Reasons to Visit Turin:

- **Cafes** - The city counts the greatest number of cafés per capita, many of which are historic cafès. About every second or third house on Via Po, Turin's famous promenade, is a café, confectionery or pasticceria. Piazza San Carlo, one of the main squares of Turin, alone counts three of Turin's historic cafés.
- **Chocolate** - Turin is the Italian capital of chocolate. The famous *gianduja*, a hazelnut and chocolate paste which was the origin of Nutella (then called pasta gianduja), and the *gianduiotti* were created here. They were the direct result of the English embargo on cocoa during the Napoleonic wars. To curb the embargo, Turinese chocolate makers had the idea to mix hazelnuts (which were abundantly available in Piedmont), into the chocolate, creating the famous hazelnut and chocolate mix.

Another chocolate-based icon of the city is the *bicerin*, a favorite drink among Italian and European aristocracy, made of espresso coffee, chocolate and whipped cream.

- **Aperitif** - Even if you don't have a sweet tooth, you're still going to love Turin, as it is here that the concept of aperitivo was born. It was in Turin that Gaspare Campari, the inventor of the eponymous drink, did his apprenticeship as maître licoriste in the mid 1800s.

Turin Palace Hotel



This elegant and contemporary hotel is set opposite Porta Nuova **Train-Metro Station** in **Turin's City Center** where one can enjoy a spectacular view from its wonderful terrace, a free wellness area with a hydromassage pool, sauna, Turkish bath and relaxation area. It also includes a restaurant and free WiFi. The light-filled rooms in the recently remodeled, historic 1870 building exude mystique and elegance and welcome guests in an ambience of pleasant relaxation. The Egyptian Museum is a 15-minute walk away, and Piazza Castello Square 0.7 miles from the property. The Turin Palace Hotel promises an unforgettable stay

in a unique atmosphere, full of appeal and absolute comfort.